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Increasing Wages

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1. The following are some price comparisons for specific items before and after the 3 January 1953 decree. Some items are listed only at their current price.

ITEM	PRICE BEFORE 3 JANUARY 1953	PRICE AFTER 3 JANUARY 1953
Sugar	5.25 zlotys per kg.	15 zlotys per kg.
Dark bread	1.35 zlotys per kg.	3 zlotys per kg.
Rolls (normal)	0.24 zloty per roll	0.60 zloty per roll
Flour	6.00 zlotys per kg.	8.00 zlotys per kg.
Vodka		60.80 zlotys per liter
Whiskey		151.20 zlotys per liter
Laundry soap	10.00 zlotys per kg.	20.00 zlotys per kg.

3. Cloth and materials increased from 10% to 60% in price.

Clothes (containing 60% wool)	750 - 1250 zlotys
Wool cloth (100% wool)	640 zlotys per meter
Home-spun linen	510 - 520 zlotys per meter
Man's overcoat	A good one 3000 zlotys
Man's shirt	240 zlotys a piece
The cheapest man's shirt made now costs 30 zlotys	
Underwear, men's	19.50 - 36.00 zlotys
Neckties	14.00 - 65.00 zlotys
Cap (good grade)	110.00 - 120.00 zlotys
Fedora	150.00 - 180.00 zlotys
Stockings	8 - 12 - 15 - 30 zlotys

4. Shoes have increased in price from 25% to 50%. The cheaper shoes increased more in price than the expensive ones.

Men's shoes	250-1125 zlotys
Men's boots	750 zlotys

5. Coal prices increased 300%.

Coal	300 zlotys per ton
Coal - sold by the meter system	32 zlotys per 100 kg.

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6. A room and kitchen for workers costs 40 - 50 zlotys a month. For non-workers the same room costs above 160 zlotys per month. Sub-tenants of a room pay 100 - 150 zlotys per month.
7. Train travel increased 100% in price. A ticket on the Krakow - Szczecin expresses, third class, used to cost 60.60 zlotys. Now this same ticket costs 121.20 zlotys. A third class ticket from Warsaw to Krakow now costs 57.60 zlotys. The express train costs 76.80 zlotys. For distances up to 50 km rail fares have increased 125%.
8. An Aga radio set (4 tube - 3 band) used to cost 1420 zlotys; now it costs 1704 zlotys. The radio tax for workers used to be 7.50 zlotys; now it is 15.00 zlotys per month. For non-workers the tax used to be 22.50 zlotys; now it is 30 zlotys per month.
9. A watch bought in the state stores sells for the following prices:
 - Tisrot 2500 zlotys
 - Omega 2500 zlotys
 - A woman's gold watch without a name brand - 2300 zlotys
 - Cameras at state stores cost 250 - 700 zlotys.
10. Gold is bought at 90 zlotys for one gram. After being processed the gold is resold at 250 zlotys per gram.
11. Lunch in a third class restaurant costs 5 - 8 zlotys. At a first class restaurant lunch costs 12 zlotys and up.